

abroad approved by Government .

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) While some units are under implementation, the reasons for non-operation of certain joint ventures could , inter-alia, be financial and managerial difficulties, changed economic conditions in the host country, inadequate pre-investment project appraisal done by promoters and new trends in the international market. Some countries where joint venture have remained non-operational or are under implementation are Australia, Bahrain, Botswana , Bangladesh, Egypt, Hongkong, Indonesia, Kenya , Malaysia , Mauritius, Netherland , Nepal, Nigeria , Panama ,Spain, Portugal, Saudi Arabia , Jordan , Sri Lanka, Thailand , Uganda, U.A.E. ,U.K. USA, USSR, W.Germny, Venezuela, Vietnam & Hungary.

(d) Government always consider such changes as may be required during the process of implementation/ operation and take appropriate decisions .

[English]

### **Export to Soviet Union**

3802. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the items like cashewnuts , tobacco etc. exported to Soviet Union under rupee payment are re-exported by them to India's traditional Western customers; and

(b) if so , the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Trade

Agreement with USSR clearly provides that the goods exported from the Republic of India , are meant for use in USSR and India respectively and shall not be reexported to any other country , unless specifically agreed upon between the competent authorities of the two sides. Government had received reports alleging that certain agricultural exports from India were being diverted by the importing organisations.

As a pre-emptive measure certain steps have been taken in the case of exports of various agricultural items. These include:

- i) Export benefits were to be recommended only after the exporter had produced a certificate issued by a recognised authority in the importing country that the goods had actually reached.
- ii) The provisions whether in terms of quantity or in value terms - laid down in the trade plan were not to be exceeded : and
- iii) Exports to the Rupee payment Areas countries should as far as possible be in either Indian vessels or in the vessels of the importing country and use of inter-mediate third country vessels avoided.

If any specific instance of violation of the Agreement comes to the notice of the Government, the matter would be enquired into.

### **Delegation Of Powers To CCI&E**

3803. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the replies given to unstarred question Nos. 132 and 13 on February 22, 1991 and July 12, 1991 respectively and state: